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Bunnings hires new Homebase boss

Bunnings UK and Ireland today announced the appointment of David Haydon as Trading and Commercial Manager for Homebase.

He will join the business in late June, with responsibility for running the Homebase business. David, whose experience includes senior roles at both B&Q and Wickes will join the Bunnings UK and Ireland leadership team, reporting to Managing Director PJ Davis. He will also sit on the company's steering committee.

David has over 25 years' experience working with retailers in the UK and Australia. He joins from Officeworks (part of the Wesfarmers Group) where he has worked for over four years as a member of the leadership team.

Prior to Officeworks, he was Commercial and Marketing Director for Kingfisher Plc's international businesses, overseeing commercial and marketing strategies for high-growth markets including China, Poland, Russia, and Turkey.

His experience also includes time at B&Q as both Director of Trading and Director of Commercial Strategy, and in other large retail organisations including Wickes and Superdrug.

David said: "I'm looking forward to joining the team at this exciting time. Working together to create something special in what is the dynamic UK Home Improvement market will be a both a challenge, and a great deal of fun."

PJ Davis said: "It has been an exciting start to 2017 as we continue to deliver phase one of our strategy.

"We have successfully opened two Bunnings Warehouse pilot stores in St Albans with Hemel Hempstead and Milton Keynes due to open over the next couple of months, followed by Folkestone in July.

"Feedback from customers and the community has been very positive, and now we are focused on developing the programme, which will see at least 10 stores open by the end of the year.

As the pilot activity accelerates, it is still important that we remain focused on delivering a strong performance across Homebase and I'm delighted David has agreed to take up this important role with the business. He will be a great addition to the team."

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About Bunnings

Bunnings is the leading retailer of home improvement and outdoor living products in Australia and New Zealand. As of 12 December 2016, in Australia and New Zealand, Bunnings operates out of 357 trading locations (of which 248 are warehouse stores), employing over 40,000 team members.

In February 2016 Bunnings acquired Homebase, the second largest home improvement and garden retailer in the United Kingdom and Ireland. As of 2 February 2017, in the UK and Ireland, Bunnings Warehouse opened its first store in St. Albans. It also operates as Homebase out of 255 trading locations, employing over 12,000 team members in the UK and Ireland.

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